

**REQUEST
FOR
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/318,268
Confirmation Number	1128
Filing Date	May 25, 1999
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Group Art Unit	2853
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Matter Number	Q54505
Title	INK CARTRIDGE, INK-JET PRINTING APPARATUS, AND REFILLING DEVICE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
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 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
 - iv. Petition for Extension of Time
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- b. Other _____

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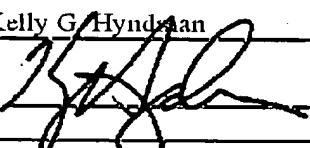
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